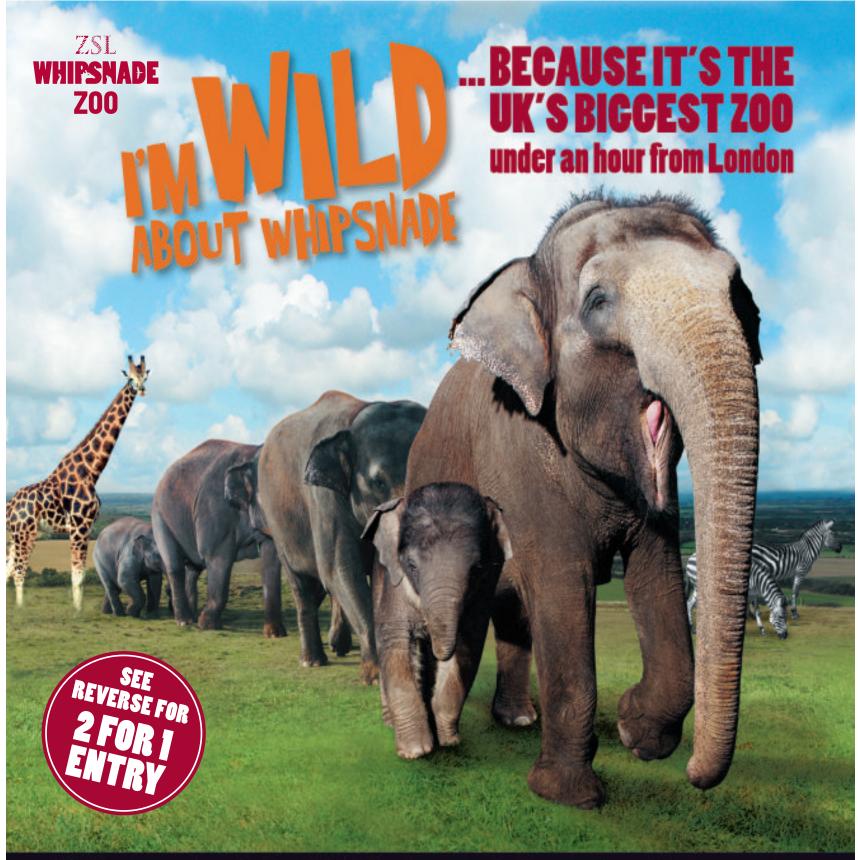
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County prison set to close by end of the year



HMP Wellingborough will close by the end of this year, the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, Kenneth Clarke, announced this week.

This will see a reduction in 588 places in the prison estate and the work to implement this change will start immediately.

As of last Friday, the prison population was 86,562 and the prison estate had sufficient capacity for a further 3,500 prisoners. Capacity continues to grow and the number of available prison places is estimated to reach 91,600 by the end of the year, following the addition of new accommodation including the opening of two modern prisons, HMP Oakwood and HMP Thameside earlier in the year. As a result the opportunity exists to further improve the estate by closing uneconomic prison places at HMP Wellingborough.

Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, Kenneth Clarke, said: "The public has the right to expect continuing improvement in the quality and efficiency of public services, without compromising public safety. Closing outdated and expensive prisons is an important step in our strategy to deliver a fit for purpose modern custodial estate that can

provide high quality, cost effective and secure regimes that protect the public and reform prisoners. Closing this one prison alone will save millions of pounds for the taxpayer.

"The changes will reduce our current capacity by 588 places and I am confident that they can be safely managed within existing headroom, whilst maintaining our ability to cope with any potential increase in population."

The closure of this prison will provide annual cost savings of over £10m per annum and avoid significant capital costs of up to £50m which would have been necessary to maintain the longer term viability of the prison. We expect to be able to absorb staff displaced by this process elsewhere in the system and to avoid the use of compulsory redundancies.

Decisions on the future size of the prison estate will be driven by population demand and prisons will only close when capacity allows. We will always ensure that there are sufficient places for those offenders sentenced to custody by the courts, including a margin to manage fluctuations in the prison population. Decisions to close future capacity will only be taken if they do not put this ability at risk.

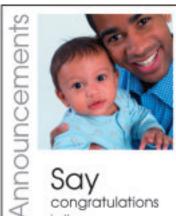
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Northampton Rotary Clubs Dragon Boat Festival at Midsummer Meadow.

Understanding each other's strengths and weaknesses and a good team ethic were the key factors behind this year's winning Dragon Boat crew, according to captain Roger Knowles, who led his Go Do JuJitsu team to victory for the third year in a row.

Huge crowds flocked to Midsummer Meadow for the ninth annual Dragon Boats Festival, with record numbers of teams taking part.

A total of 36 teams entered the competition, organised by the Rotary Clubs of Northamptonshire, with funds raised going to the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance and a host of

just three tenths of a second in a dramatic finish.

Mr Knowles said: "We are fortunate because working in jujitsu, we have a good sense of understanding and we know the importance of a team ethic. It is not so much about strength and fitness, it's more about teamwork.

"We keep the same crew near enough every year and we get in a practice session in Milton Keynes.
"We take it quite seriously but it's a

great day out for a brilliant cause. We had a good old battle with the Brixworth lads, who are a great set of guys and we really enjoyed it.

The trophy was handed over by MP for Northampton North, Michael Ellis, who than we could have expected. I think eve-

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portant for us and help ensure we can continue to stay in the sky and save lives. Rotarians who are an amazing bunch of people.

rybody has been desperate to get out in the sunshine after all the rain we've had.

"I would say we have had more than 4,000 people down here, which is tremendous and hopefully we will be able to raise plenty of money for our charities."

Crowds were treated to a variety of entertainment on the main stage through-

ing, comedy and magic.
A beer tent was named 'Hasse's Bar'

Marrum, who passed away in April.
Tracy Grunwell of the Air Ambulance
said: "Events such as this are vitally im-







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Phil Drage, senior Northampton Retail Crime Initiative ranger and Shawn Nickels, Northampton Retail Crime Initiative ranger, at work in Abington Street.

New crime-fighting wardens have been deployed to the streets of Northampton town centre to reassure shoppers and cut anti-social behaviour.

The two new wardens have taken to the streets to work alongside shopkeepers, to help fight crime, as well as to offer advice to businesses and act as a reassurance for

The uniformed wardens have already started patrolling the town centre, as well as other retail areas, including Sixfields and Riverside.

Aside from conducting daily patrols, the wardens are also giving advice to shops and businesses, including tips on dealing with shoplifters and even how to take anti-terrorism precautions.

The two wardens, Phil Drage and Shawn Nickels, are being funded by the Northampton Business Improvement District (BID) and the Northampton Retail

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with both the police and councils.
Phil said: "The role itself sees you

wearing many hats at one time. It is a uniformed role to not only be visible for the businesses in town but also visitors and to other partner agencies.
"The whole idea of the NRCI is to de-

ter, disrupt and detect as well as assisting with crime prevention and it is also try ing to be an ambassador for the town and for businesses

'We can be a visible presence to hopefully deter criminal activities, anti-social behaviour and act as a reassurance for members of the public, for visitors to the

Mike Brennan, chairman of the NRCI, said: "There are similar schemes elsewhere but

I think we have the best one here. It is a real partnership orientated scheme and it is about getting everyone on board."



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Town park is named as the fifth best in country

Abington Park has been named the fifth best park in the country in a poll by a travel magazine rating the nation's green spaces.

The park, which opened in 1897, came above Bute park in Cardiff and Queens Square in Bristol, in the ratings given by 'Essential Trav-

The park was beaten to the top spot by Hampstead Heath in London, which came first in the

Councillor Tony Ansell (Con, Abington) said: "It would have been nice to get to the top but

coming fifth is a great honour.

"It doesn't surprise me in the slightest that the park is in the top 10 because in the last year so much has been improved."

Abington Park has recently had £91,000 of improvement works made to its aviaries, the ladies changing rooms have been refitted and the wooden bus shelter is in the process of being restored. In October, £65,000 will be spent bring-

ing the toilets in the park up-to-date.

Councillor Ansell said: "The quality of the park and what we offer here keeps going up and up and it gets better and better,

There is lots for people to come and see and do in the park. It's a hive of activity."

The park is renowned for hosting live music performances and 25 concerts are planned for this year, which is more than double the 11 which took place last year.

The Abington wind band will perform at the

park on Sunday from 2pm to 5pm.
For details about the poll which rated Ab-

ington Park fifth in the country, visit www. essentialtravel.co.uk/magazine/top-10/public-



Holiday fun is

A host of holiday activity schemes have been lined up to take place at North-

ampton's leisure centres. From Monday, July 24, the Funzone play scheme and other daily drop-off

camps will return at Lings
Forum and Danes Camp.
Funzone offers all-day
supervised holiday childcare, where children can be dropped off at 8.30am

and picked up at 5.30pm. On offer will be swimming, a climbing wall, bouncy castles, parties, cinema, roller skating, computer consoles and arts and crafts.

Lings Forum runs two groups – a minis group for five to eight-year-olds and a juniors group for nine to 13-vear-olds.

Danes Camp runs a juniors group for eight to 13-year-olds.

The activities cost £18 a day or £85 for a week, and childcare vouchers are ac-

Danes Camp also runs supervised sessions for eight to 13-year-olds be-tween 2pm and 4pm. Participants can take

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Buy a brick to fund building

A Northampton community organisation has appealed to people to buy bricks to help build a new headquarters.

The Community Court Yard (CCY), which provides services to vulnerable young people and ex-offenders in the town, is selling the bricks to help raise funds for a new building, which will be known as Ron Todd House.

The organisation, which is national social enterprise and was set up in July last year, will use the building to provide

its services to the community.
Founder of The Community Court Yard, Bianca Todd, said she wanted to name the new building Ron Todd House after her grandfather who lived by the motto that actions speak louder than

She said: "He didn't just talk about things, he did something about them.

"We want to make a difference in Northampton and anybody can get in-volved. We are looking to the community to support us."

Each person or organisation who buys a brick will have their name put onto it. Thirty thousand bricks, each costing £5, have been sold so far but the organisation needs to sell another 20,000 to open

the building in September.

Bianca said: "We are doing this because we want to improve things in Northampton. It is a massive project for us in our first year and we are grateful for the support it has received so far. Everyone has the potential to make a huge difference to their community by getting

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Staff from the firm paid £1 for the sweepstake and were allocated a team at random, with a prize for the person who picked out

the winners, Spain.

Marketing manager. Tracey Healy, said: "We like to do something fun for the staff while raising money for a good cause.

"Everyone enjoyed the sweepstake and there was a lot of banter in the office after the football matches.

"We always like to theme our fund-raisers with big events because it makes it more interesting for staff and helps to get more people involved."

Wilson Brown has chosen the appeal as its charity for the year and hopes to raise £1,000 before the end of December.

The firm hosted a 'wear

green' day to celebrate St Patrick's Day in March, which is also the colour of the Macmillan logo, and also held a Grand National sweepstake for the Aintree

They will next will hold an Olympics raffle, several cake sales and a Christmas event later in the year.

Solicitor Ross Pierrepont said: "We are pleased to be able to continue to contribute to this worthy cause.

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Her postcode, NN7 2LB, was drawn in the charity lottery's £100,000 Diamond Draw and Shei-

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She said: "I am speechless. It is an overwhelming experience and I keep pinching myself. I never win anything and now I've won a life-changing amount of money – it's unbelievable. It will pay off my mortgage and make things so much easier."

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a real shock. My smile will be from ear to ear for a while I think."

Sheila, who works part-time at Bosch Siemens in Milton Keynes as a local receptionist, is also a freelance German and French to English translator.

After living in Vienna, Austria, for eight years, she returned to Northamptonshire, where her mum, Dorothy, and son both live.

both live.

She said: "I can finally treat my mum, who lives in a care home. She's in need of a new wheelchair so I can go and buy her a new one. I would also like to get her some new clothes. It would be lovely to shower her with some new things."

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Organisers of the annual county talent contest are hoping that performers in the county will take inspiration from the duo who are reported to have become millionaires after securing a lucrative book deal.

Entry to Has Northamptonshire Got Talent? closes on July 27 and any talented singers, dancers, acrobats or other form of entertainers are being urged to apply.

Successful applicants will take part in two weeks of auditions in August and the final will be held at the Deco Theatre in Northampton on September 1.

Event organiser Mandie Smith said: "We are extremely excited that Ashleigh and Pudsey have agreed to perform at the final of Has Northamptonshire Got Talent?

"We've been searching for a dancing dog act since the competition began three years ago so we are absolutely elated to get the best dog act in the country performing at the final.

"We know this county has a huge amount of talent and hopefully people will use Ashleigh and Pudsey's success as an inspiration."

The prize for the winning act in this year's competition will again be a £500 voucher

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Abseiling gran now wants to wing walk!

AN 82-year-old became the oldest person to abseil down Northampton's lift tower... then declared she has set her sights on a wing walk.

Great grandmother Christina Kelly, of Manfield Road, Ab-ington, Northampton, gave her watching family and other spectators some nervous moments as she descended the 417ft to the ground in St James.

Several times she tipped sideways and her helmeted head even swung against the side of the concrete tower, but each time she casually waved to the people

Mrs Kelly said she thoroughly enjoyed the feat, which she took on to raise more than £2,000 for the Warwickshire and North-amptonshire Air Ambulance charity.

She said: "I couldn't tell you what the view was like because there was no way I was looking;

I was concentrating.
"I had a few problems pulling the rope through to lower me down as it was a little heavy.But

it wasn't a bit scary.
"I was doing a few acrobatics because of the wind but the lovely man who was doing it with me straightened me out," she said.

Mrs Kelly, who has four children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild, was followed by one of her grandsons.

Her daughter, Michelle Kelly, said: "I'm so proud of her. You'd think she'd stop now but she said a wing walk is next on the list."

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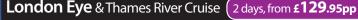
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omen's service is expanded

ampton sex workers has been widened to catch the 93 per cent of vulnerable women who are slipping through the net.

The SWAN Partner-ship, funded by the NHS, was initially set up as a support group under the name, Sex Workers Around Northamptonshire.

However, coupled with the removal of funding for the sex worker aspect of its work, SWAN staff realised they needed to change as they were turning away too many women who needed help but did not quite fit the organisation's criteria.

Samantha Benfield, SWAN co-ordinator, said: There were vulnerable women coming to us that we could perhaps help, but there was no sex worker link so there wasn't anything we could

"In the two months we have been going, we have

Under the old remit, we could perhaps have taken on two of them.

The new SWAN (Supporting Women Across Northamptonshire) will be able to help women who have two or more problems categorised under drugs and alcohol abuse, persistent crime, homelessness, domestic violence, child protection or sex working.

The group hopes to make women safer as well as help cut crimes.

Mrs Benfield said: "There were groups of women all with similar issues.

"But it seemed to us there was this gap they

were falling through. "We will now deal with vulnerable families with complex needs.

"We won't deal with people if they are already with a specialist agency for a single issue.

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many issues, we're here to help," Mrs Benfield The SWAN Supporting Women across Northampton team. Back row Kate Grice, Sandra Kiernan, Suzy Van Rooyen, Sarah Bakewell. Seated, Catherine Lessells, Samantha Benfield (Health Improvement Co-ordinator)

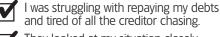


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Blooming great visit for judges

East Midlands in Bloom judges visited Northampton to take in its annual offering of floral displays.

Chairman of East Midlands in Bloom (EMIB), Jeff Bates, and fellow judge Peter Benham, took a walking tour around the town on Tuesday.

The pair assessed parks and open spaces, including Abington Park and Bradlaugh Fields, the landscaped grounds of St Andrew's Hospital and streets lined with hanging baskets and allotments.

Northampton won the gold award in the 'City' category of the compe-tition last year, which is an annual event organised by the EMIB Regional Committee, and is one of the 18 regions which make up 'Britain in Bloom', the campaign organised by the Royal Horticultural Society.

Mr Bates, who judged North-ampton's entries last year, said he would focus on on whether the town had kept up its high standards, and added: "I will also look into how the town has engaged with people and got the community on board in the project.

Mr Benham, who was visiting the town for the first time, said he would concentrate the marking on three key things: Horticultural achievement, environmental responsibility and community participation.

The awards ceremony for the competition will take place on Septem-



Neil Bartholomey, Simone Wade, Councillor John Caswell and the Mayor and Mayoress of Northampton Roger and Jenny Conroy with the East Midlands in Bloom judges in the courtyard at the Guildhall.

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An advantage of choosing a folding roof on your Chevrolet Camaro is the chance it gives with the hood down for a quick natter with passing cyclists.

For the Camaro, a modern interpretation of an iconic sixties' machine lusted after by every male U.S. college student, is a wide car. Very wide, and feeling wider still because the driver sits on the left, feeling distant from the side of the car that's going to come close (very close) to anything travelling the other way along a country lane.

And the four cyclists were close enough to persuade me to almost halt the test Camaro and let its vast 6.1 litre V8 engine woofle quietly away until the pedalling keep-fitters were

"Thank you", said their leader, politely. "Like the car", said tail-end Charlie

Get's you noticed, does a Camaro, especially in vivid red with black stripes. Being noticed is surely the main reason 200 Brits are expected to buy one each year, picking either convertible or coupe, the latter starting at £35,025 and likely to take half the

total sales.

Or you could go and buy the latest, all new and quite excellent Porsche Boxster for similar money and have lots of fun in the sun with a smaller fuel bill and no narrow lane worries.

Which is to completely miss the point. Porsche will sell thousands of Boxsters in the UK but the Camaro will forever be a rare beast, unusual enough to attract stares as it prowls a crowded town centre.

And find a road smooth and (critically) wide enough to let the Camaro off the leash and you'll discover a car that goes very quickly in a straight line and fights the flab better in corners than you might expect.

The engine produces skip-loads of low-down power, and lots of tailpipe emissions – check out the first year's road tax in the factfile alongside. It also makes a typically bass-biased V8 rumble when provoked, although it could be a bit noisier for maximum

The big folding roof needs 20 seconds to whirr up or down and takes some strength out of the body (they all do), so that it shakes gently on bad roads. Giving the top somewhere to hide means there's precious little

space in the back seats and the boot is tiny.

Again, this is probably all missing the point. Like the Ford Mustang that forced Chevrolet's Camaro response all those decades ago, the car will always have a following, whatever its on-paper deficiencies.

In fact, the latest Camaro is positively un-American in terms of fit and finish; feeling more European inside than before and going some way to justify its price on quality grounds alone

Even so, I'd expect a fully-powered hood at the price, without having to turn an awkward handle to lock it in place. The side windows retract automatically before the hood folds, but don't come up again when it's back in place.

Then there's the potential fuel bill. I saw 15.8mpg on the trip computer after a shortish run, or that's the figure after converting from the flattering readout, given in US gallons to the

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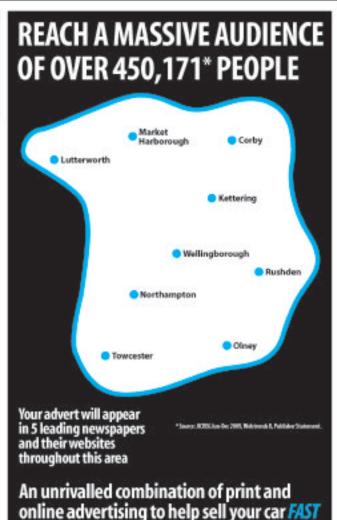
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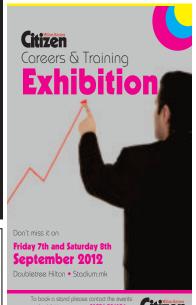
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The canvass starts on 7 September 2012 and will finish on 1 October 2012. Commitment to the role is important and you will need to ensure that you have not planned any long term leave within this time frame.

Each canvasser will be responsible for an area of about 250-300 properties and will need to be available to work evenings and weekends

Payment will be made on the basis of a £10 training fee, £1.25 per completed property registration form returned during the first seven days and then £1.10 per completed form after that. In addition to this reasonable mileage will be paid at 45p per mile and bonuses may be paid for high achievers.

Following the canvass the Police Commissioner election is scheduled for 15 November 2012 and we will be recruiting for the following roles:

- Presiding Officer (minimum of £175 per day)
- Poll Clerk (minimum of £113 per full day/£56 per half day)

The role of Poll Clerk is usually preferable for new applicants as you would be responsible for the recording and issuing ballot papers, assisting members of the public and opening/closing the polling station

If you have previously been a Poll Clerk you may be able to apply for a Presiding Officer role. As Presiding Officer you would be responsible for managing the polling station, briefing staff, dealing with enquiries and completing the paperwork.

The hours of poll are 7am until 10pm; however you should expect to be at your polling station no later than 6.30am and will need to remain until the station is fully closed and paperwork completed.

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Mercury Sport



INJURED – Courtney Lawes has suffered another setback after undergoing surgery on an elbow injury

PICTURE: LINDA DAWSON

Luckless Lawes hit by another setback

COURTNEY LAWES has suffered a fresh injury setback after undergoing surgery on an elbow injury.

The England star suffered the problem during pre-season training and had an operation to rectify it on Tuesday.

But Saints are still hopeful the 23-year-old will be fit for the Aviva Premiership opener at Gloucester on September 1.

A club spokesperson said: "Courtney has had an operation on an elbow injury and is rehabbing well."

It is the latest in a series of injury problems for the powerful lock, who

hasn't played for Saints since February.

He missed the majority of England's Six Nations campaign with a knee problem, only appearing as a replacement in the clash with

And after returning to training, Lawes was then struck down by a shin injury, which ruled him out of Saints' Aviva Premiership run-in.

Club and country – Lawes is in England's 32-man EPS squad for this year's autumn internationals – will now hope the player makes a speedy recovery.

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Meanwhile, Saints have announced their scheduled away game

against Saracens will be played at stadium:mk - Northampton's home ground for selected Heineken Cup matches.

Jim Mallinder's men will hope for big support after the clash, which falls in Aviva Premiership round 12 on Sunday, December 30, was switched.

Sarries, without a regular abode, until their new stadium in Barnet is completed early next year have taken the decision to move the clash to Milton Keynes. And Saints could cash in as they are likely to keep a larger than normal share of the revenue from the game.

A Saracens spokesman said: "We

will work in conjunction with our good friends at Northampton to stage a unique and spectacular event at this outstanding venue, within easy reach of our season-ticket holders in Hertfordshire and beyond.

"Matches played around Christmas always attract excellent crowds, and we anticipate a very strong attendance for this special clash."

Saints have good memories of stadium:mk as they beat both Ulster and Perpignan there on their way to the 2011 Heineken Cup final.

But their last visit, in January this year, ended in a big defeat to Irish giants Munster in the pool stages of Europe's premier competition.

Cobblers back to prepare for Corby

THE Cobblers return to training on English soil this week and will step up their preparations for the first friendly of the summer, at Corby Town on Saturday.

The Town squad landed at Birmingham airport on Sunday night after a 10-day training camp in Croatia described by fitness coach Craig Smith as being 'very, very tough.'

The players have been given the first two days of this week off but will be back in for more 'hard yards' on Wednesday with manager Aidy Boothroyd increasing the intensity for the trip to Steel Park this weekend.

Although he admits a couple of squad members could have come back in slightly better condition, the review from Smith on the Croatia performance was generally a glowing one.

"Everyone is back in on Wednesday and we've got a few days of getting into a new routine and getting ready for the game on Saturday," he said.

"I was pleasantly surprised with a lot of them. There's always one or two who you think could have done a bit more but the group as a whole was fantastic.

"You never know what you're going to get from the new lads but all the data we got from them was good. The boys that were here before have looked after themselves and they're all looking in great shape."

The Croatian camp was a strenuous exercise for all concerned, with temperatures regularly above 30C – although the hottest part of the day was off-limits to training.

The facility's gym and swimming pool were regularly used, and the squad even managed to fit in a practice match, which they won 6-1.

"It was a great week, we did three sessions a day, the boys worked really hard and they were a credit to the club," he said.

"They were extremely professional in terms of everything we did on and off the pitch.

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"We started at 7.15am and that was a light technical session to get the boys ready, we then had breakfast then had the main football session at 10am with some recovery in the pool.

"The boys were generally in the gym in the afternoon and they worked really hard in there as well, even though it was the third session they'd done that day."



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This October half-term, ZSL Whipsnade Zoo will be crammed with creepy crafts, spooky storytelling, bug handling, mask-making and much more. There'll be special Halloween treats for our animals and you can learn all about animal enrichment. Don't miss our special Halloween series of talks and feeds - it's so much fun, it's scary!

Held to coincide with the global Elephant Appreciation Weekend, this weekend event will help raise funds towards elephant medical research. There'll be a host of activities themed around Asian culture, cuisine, and not forgetting the stars of the event: Whipsnade Zoo's very own Asian Elephants!

22-23 September 2012



Santa and his reindeer will be making the Zoo their home from November. To celebrate, we've got all kinds of festive events and activities happening, from Christmas present making for the animals, to explainer-led talks and feeds. Visitors can also enjoy tasty festive treats and shop for Christmas crafts.

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